



# WINGS NEWS

## Education claim 2015-16 WOHAA crown!



Lord tom McNally and Mrs. Sriram along with Team Education

Vekaria and Armaan Bajaj will soon travel to India to see what the effects of the incredible £11,566 they raised will be. The boys took on a series of incredibly complex fundraising events, showing great determination and inspirational compassion.

The boys have spent the year taking part in a variety of fundraising efforts, including selling sweets, designing and selling smart phone cases as well as other smaller projects including setting up charity boxes in their school. Furthermore, the boys took part in several more innovative efforts, including going to local businesses in North London on the weekends and asking for donations, as well as hosting a "Library Extravaganza" at the Edgware Library to raise community awareness of the charity.

But most impressive of all was the grand finale of their project. In March, the boys organised and hosted a corporate sponsored gala dinner for over 300 guests. They gambled by spending a lot of money on a prestigious location (hiring 'The Clay Oven Banqueting Suite' in Wembley) while also involving a host, DJ, auction, raffle, and tickets. The night took exceptional planning and effort, but was a roaring success, selling out its allocation.

The effort of these fine young men was recognised appropriately by the judges. The boy's blew past their initial fundraising target of £2000, and gained a range of valuable skills along the way. In their official submission to the charity, the team described how they had initially sought to grow personally from the experience, working on learning the art of public speaking, improving their teamwork and learning how to plan successfully, but along the way, they knew they really wanted to make a difference to those less fortunate than themselves.

All of us here at the Wings of Hope are simply astonished at the hard work the boys put in. They have done an exemplary job of following the WOHAA ethos of efforts "by students, for students". We can't wait to see them in India!

Dear Colleagues & Students,

*It has truly been another outstanding year for our organisation. The charity has continued to expand its appeal with new schools clamouring to sign up for our prestigious WOHAA programme. The students have participated this year have been truly outstanding. A particular congratulations must go to this year's winners, Education, whose efforts were inspirational. I am delighted that the charity is going from strength to strength as we look forward to another tremendous year.*

Best wishes,

Mrs Rajni Sriram, CEO & Co-founder

## The WOHAA paid internship plan

The Wings of Hope are delighted to announce an exciting new internship scheme for those taking a gap year between school and University or for recent graduates. Partnering with some of London's top Universities, interns will be able to come on a three month work experience programme (with a possibility to extend it through six and even nine months). Working with a trained member of our Team, they will learn how deliver our WOHAA programme to schools, putting together events and workshops and also mentoring young participants.

## Exam results from SSE School of Educare, Chennai

The Wings of Hope is delighted by the recent exam results coming out of its latest school projects. At the SSE school of Educare, students produced some particularly outstanding results in both XII Grade and X Grade:

### XII Grade Highest score: 88% (R.Sudharshan)

Biology: A1: 1 student, A2: 1 student

Computer Science: A1: 3 students, A2: 3 students

Physics: A2: 4 students

Business Studies A1: 5 students

In 12th grade result, A1 represents the top 1/8th of the passed candidates of CBSE and A2 represents the next 1/8th of the passed candidates of CBSE.

### X Grade Highest score (CGPA): 10/10 points (Krishan, G.V.Viswa)

4 students have scored 9.8 points.

4 students have scored 9 points and above.

9 students have scored 8 points and above.

English A1: 12 students

Tamil A1: 10 students

Science A1: 7 students

In 10th grade, A1= 91-100, A2= 81-90

## chennai slum project progress report



Here at the Wings of Hope, we are sponsoring the SAVE trust in North Chennai, who are running our 10 evening tuition centres. Whilst running these centres, they have also been running many programs such as educational counselling of 10th grade students.

The purpose has been to give a values-based education focused on feelings of togetherness, helping other people, patriotism and social responsibilities. Counselling to these students has been provided by the staff and volunteers.

Summer camps for these children were held in 10 different slums such as Perambur, Vyasarpadi, Ganesapuram, VOC Nagar, Kannikapuram, Otteri Ponniamman Street, SSPuram B Block, Salaimanagar, Chetpet and Retteri of North and Central Chennai. Drawing, folk and art, first-aid, making of handicrafts and painting, English improvement on vocabulary, writing and conversation were taught to great effect.

Most of the slum children are from poor families; their parents are daily wagers, doing work as auto drivers, painters, construction workers, and carpenters. Many of the children are from single parent families.

So SAVE Trust and the Wings of Hope seek your continued support to assist the disadvantaged poor children in order to ensure their educational stability, with supplies of educational materials and school kits like school bags, note books and school fees.

## Fancy running for the Virgin London Marathon in April 2017 ?

Here's the opportunity for someone who wishes to run the much sort after London Marathon!. Do send us an email if you would like to run and raise money for Wings of Hope

## Donate.

All donations for the work that Wings of Hope does both here and at its International projects in India and Malawi, will be gratefully received. We are certified by The Fundraising Standard Board. (<http://www.thewingsofhope.org/donate-2/>)



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